



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/932,435	08/17/2001	Hongjie Cao	1942.PC	3469
35157 7590 10/12/2007 NATIONAL STARCH AND CHEMICAL COMPANY P.O. BOX 6500 BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807-3300			EXAMINER LANDAU, SHARMILA GOLLAMUDI	
			ART UNIT 1616	PAPER NUMBER
			NOTIFICATION DATE 10/12/2007	DELIVERY MODE ELECTRONIC

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

patents@nstarch.com

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
09932435	8/17/01	CAO ET AL.	1942.PC

NATIONAL STARCH AND CHEMICAL COMPANY  
P.O. BOX 6500  
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807-3300

**EXAMINER**

Sharmila Gollamudi Landau

ART UNIT	PAPER
1616	20071003

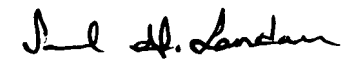
DATE MAILED:

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

**Commissioner for Patents**

Appellant failed to timely respond to the examiner's answer mailed on June 8, 2007 that included a new ground of rejection mailed on June 8, 2007. Under 37 CFR 41.39(b), if an examiner's answer contains a rejection designated as a new ground of rejection, appellant must, within two months from the date of the examiner's answer, file either: (1) a request that prosecution be reopened by filing a reply under 37 CFR 1.111; or (2) a request that the appeal be maintained by filing a reply brief under 37 CFR 41.41 addressing each new ground of rejection, to avoid sua sponte dismissal of the appeal as to the claims subject to the new ground of rejection. In view of appellant's failure to file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 or a reply brief within the time period required by 37 CFR 41.39, the appeal as to claims 12, 21-22, and 27 is dismissed, and these claims are canceled.

Only claims 1-11, 13-20, 23-26, and 28 remain in the application. The appeal continues as to these remaining claims. The application will be forwarded to the Board after mailing of this communication.

  
Sharmila Gollamudi Landau  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit: 1616